

COCONUT PROCESSING OPPORTUNITIES

Philippines

Market Overview

- Over \$1billion of coconut products are processed every year in the Philippines.
- ▶ 12 billion nuts are harvested annually from 300 million trees.
- 1.2 million metric tons of coconut oil is and 2.4 million metric tons of copra processed annually.
- The Philippine Coconut Authority is promoting the coconut palm oil industry by organizing and financially supporting rural farming, processing and marketing efforts.

Commercial Applications

- Demand for Methyl Ester (manufactured from coconut oil) is on the rise as an environmentally friendly additive to diesel fuel.
- Monolaurin, a coconut milk extract, is added to food, healthcare and beauty products to improve their therapeutic value.
- Coconut oil is viewed as a healthy alternative to other oils used in food preparation.
- Copra is used an ingredient in cleaning and healthcare/beauty products.

Best Prospects

- Demand for processing equipment to manufacture coconut oil, biofuel and oleo chemicals is on the rise. Best prospects include:
 - ✓ Coco oil extraction machines
 - ✓ Reactors
 - ✓ Boilers and liquid separators
 - ✓ Vessels and mixers
- Highest demand exists among small to medium sized manufacturers.





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